

Chapter 17

"The Four Horsemen"

Let's get back to the beginning of the Tribulation. Since the seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven bowls are listed in the chart above, they will not be included them here. For the most part, they are self-explanatory. However, we will be looking at the key players and events during and Post-Tribulation. The first four seals to be opened are more commonly known as the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

- The First Horse, the White Horse of the Conqueror. At some point in the not too distant future, there will be a last gentile person who accepts Christ before the command for the Rapture is issued. As millions of people (some suggest possibly including children) will suddenly disappear, without explanation, in the ensuing chaos and hysteria, and in close proximity to the Gog/Magog war, those people left behind will become exceedingly desperate as they look for a "savior." Empty churches will fill up with people frantically looking for an explanation or missing loved ones. People who have attended church all their lives, but never committed their lives to Christ, will be in the front rows. Almost certainly the world's economies will crash. Access to cash and the ability to buy goods, particularly food, will most undoubtedly be affected. People will go into survival mode owing to the utter devastation and economic chaos that ensues when millions of taxpayers suddenly vanish can only be imagined. Further, the sudden stoppage of the free flow of cash with millions no longer paying payroll or sales taxes, meeting mortgage payments, car loans, or credit cards. The Achilles heel is that there is a limited amount of backup supplies in the supply chain. It is estimated that within 72 hours stores will run out of inventory on store shelves. As people panic, they will try to grab or loot what they can as this scenario unfolds, they will become hysterical in the process. Today's problems of the country of Venezuela is a frighteningly real example. A counterfeit Christ will appear and seem to have all the answers, and as we know, the counterfeit clone's the genuine. We have already examined a couple of times [Daniel 9:27](#) where the Antichrist will bring a seven-year peace treaty to start the Tribulation. He will bring a false sense of security as he assumes political power and control across the globe. The First Horse of the Apocalypse appears and will arrive on a White horse, a symbol of Kingship, to imitate Christ's return as the victor in chapter 19. [Revelation 6:2](#) "And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer." [Revelation 19:11](#) "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war." Satan knows the scriptures and his intention is to deceive as many people as possible. Remember Jesus' and Paul's biggest warnings are against deception.

The chart below lists other names by which the Antichrist is known. Just a note the term "Antichrist" is only found in [1 John \(2:18, 2:22, 4:3\)](#), and [2 John \(1:7\)](#).

NAME	REF	VERSE
The Antichrist	1 John 2:18 (NKJV)	" ¹⁸ Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour."
The Adversary and The Enemy	Psalm 74:10	" ¹⁰ O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? Shall the enemy blaspheme Thy name forever?"

The Vile Person	Daniel 11:21	“ ²¹ And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honor of the kingdom; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by flatteries.”
The Willful King	Daniel 11:36	“ ³⁶ And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.”
The Son of Perdition and the Man of Sin	2 Thessalonians 2:3-4	“ ³ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; ⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.”
The Lawless One	2 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV)	“ ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will overthrow with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the splendor of His coming.”
The Angel of the Bottomless Pit	Revelation 9:11	“ ¹¹ And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.”
The Beast Out of the Sea	Revelation 13:1	“ ¹ And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.”
The Beast	Revelation 19:19-20	“ ¹⁹ And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. ²⁰ And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”

There is a great deal of speculation as to who the Antichrist is, but it is just that, speculation. For those who will be raptured this issue is a moot point, and for those who are left behind, they may or may not recognize him for who he is. As we just mentioned above, it is quite possible the person may not even know his true identity until he is called (by Satan) to come forth. The Bible gives us a few clues as to what the Antichrist will be like initially and his characteristics. During the first half of the Tribulation, he will appear and deceive many as a man of peace, as we have discussed at length. [Daniel 11:20-23 \(NKJV\)](#) “²⁰ There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes on the glorious kingdom; but within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle. ²¹ And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom

they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue. ²² With the force of a flood they shall be swept away from before him and be broken, and also the prince of the covenant. ²³ And after the league is made with him he shall act deceitfully, for he shall come up and become strong with a small number of people.” He will have two faces,: one public and one private. His public face will be Pro-Israel, tolerant, politically correct, persuasive, charismatic, charming, and easily believed. His private hidden face will be devious, heavily involved with the occult, and a false sense of prosperity will follow him. [Daniel 8:23-25 \(NKJV\)](#) ²³ And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. ²⁴ And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practice, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. ²⁵ “Through his cunning, He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule, and he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes, but he shall be broken without human means.”

As the world reels in chaos, the Antichrist will seize the opportunity to take control, first through diplomacy, then through force. Every nation on earth, including the USA, then may willingly surrender their sovereignty to him. As we previously discussed in [Daniel chapters 2 and 7](#), he will then reorganize the world’s governments into 10 areas, assuming direct control of three of them. [Daniel 7:19-20 \(NKJV\)](#) ¹⁹ Then I wished to know the truth about the fourth Beast, which was different from all the others, exceedingly dreadful, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces, and trampled the residue with its feet; ²⁰ and the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, before which three fell, namely, that horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke pompous words, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.” [Daniel 7:21-25 \(NKJV\)](#) ²¹ I was watching, and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, ²² until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom. ²³ “Thus he said: “The fourth Beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces. ²⁴ The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones and shall subdue three kings. ²⁵ He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.” Most people are not aware that the UN has designated ten regions across the globe to track a wide variety of social, health, and economic indicators known as the Millennium Development Goal Indicators. Could this quite possibly be the genesis from where the Antichrist sets up his government? Perhaps, why re-invent the wheel?

He will solidify his authority with the help from the leader of a false religious leader called the False Prophet. The False Prophet will offer comfort and direction with his ultra-ecumenical council or a “new one world religion.” It is a practical impossibility to rule the world forcibly. However, if you control the news outlets and administrations (one world government), money supply (one world currency), and belief system (one world religion) they will follow like sheep to the slaughter. [Matthew 7:15](#) “Beware of False Prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.” As the new world’s religious leader, the False Prophet will have and exert a vast influence over a chaotic world. Together with the Antichrist, they will quietly garner more and more control over the masses. He will demonstrate his influence more pronouncedly during the second half of the Tribulation. He will be possibly from Israel, but not absolutely. [Revelation 13:11-12](#) ¹¹ And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. ¹² And he

exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.” The phrase “coming up out of the earth” is believed to be a reference to the land of Israel. This would help the False Prophet secure his role as *the* religious leader for the Jewish people. Remember Jesus warned of this. [Matthew 24:24 \(NKJV\)](#) “For false Christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”

A word of warning, neither one of these two will actually call themselves the False Prophet or the Antichrist. However, armed with information contained in the Bible, those who remain can recognize them for who they are if they have the resources and take the time to research. There will be many printed Bibles left and there is a wealth of information on line and YouTube, presumably if they are operational or unaltered.

Getting back to the Antichrist, his number will be 666. [Revelation 13:18](#) “This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the Beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.” Another tool to confirm his identity is a Hebrew practice of assigning a numeric value to Hebrew letter characters called Gematria. When the Antichrist does show, if the numeric values of the letters of his name were applied they would total 666.

He will come from a gentile world, probably Europe. [Daniel 7:2-3 \(NKJV\)](#) “² Daniel spoke, saying, “I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. ³ And four great Beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other.” He will come out of the Great Sea, a reference to the Mediterranean Sea. Sometimes this area is referred to as the Revived Roman Empire. More importantly, [Daniel 9:26a \(NIV\)](#) “After the sixty-two ‘sevens,’ the Anointed One will be put to death and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.” This is perhaps the most telling of the Antichrist’s lineage. As we discovered earlier, in 70 AD the Roman Empire sacked Jerusalem and the Temple and destroyed it so that no stone would stand on another. The “people of the ruler who will destroy the city and the sanctuary” is clearly the Roman Empire. At the height of the Roman era, their occupation covered the northern coast of Africa up through the Middle East, and across Asia Minor. The Roman Empire continued to extend all over Europe as far west as Spain, as far north as Germany and Great Britain. He could come from anywhere within those borders, and perhaps even the USA as we are extensions of Europe and England. Again, in the interest of full disclosure, there are those who suggest that lineage of the Antichrist might be Muslim. The Muslims preach their “savior”, the Mahdi, will return to earth to rule and reign over all the earth. This Mahdi is also to come amidst great turmoil. This reason and their ancestral hatred of the Jews explain why they are so zealous in their commitment to implant the Muslim faith and Sharia law worldwide. However, there is a huge problem about the Antichrist being Muslim. It is inconceivable that after all the thousands of years of history of facing persecution, extinction, and subsequent rebirth, that the Jews would be willing to shake off their newly reacquired home land and accept the Muslim alternative.

The beginning of the second half of this period begins with the abomination of desolation foretold by [Daniel 9:27](#) and [Matthew 24:15](#) as reported earlier. This second half will be even more devastating than the first half. The Antichrist will show his true colors. In order for him to enter the temple to elevate himself as God, he will need to move his base of operations to Jerusalem. [Daniel 11:45 \(NKJV\)](#) “And he (the Antichrist) shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain (Mt. Zion in Jerusalem), yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.” [2 Thessalonians 2:4](#) “Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of

God, shewing himself that he is God.” With the arrival of Satan, he commands the Antichrist to persecute Israel. [Revelation 12:13](#) “And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.” The “Dragon” is identified as Satan, the “woman” is symbolic of the nation of Israel, and “the male child” is Jesus. With Satan being expelled from heaven and taking residence on earth, he, the Antichrist, and the False Prophet make up an entity known as the Unholy or Satanic Trinity in an obvious attempt to imitate God’s Trinity. We will come back to this Unholy Trinity and their roles in the second half in a bit.

The Antichrist will also imitate the death and resurrection of Jesus. [Revelation 13:3 \(NKJV\)](#) “And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.” [Revelation 13:12 \(NKJV\)](#) “And he exercises all the authority of the first Beast in his presence and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first Beast, whose deadly wound was healed.” After the counterfeit resurrection, the False Prophet will orchestrate the entire world by trickery to worship the Dragon and the Beast. [Revelation 13:4-6](#) “⁴ And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, “Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? ⁵ And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. ⁶ And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.” He will deceive many by performing miracles and signs of wonder. [2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 \(NIV\)](#) “⁹ The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, ¹⁰ and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. ¹¹ For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie ¹² and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.” His greatest trick will be to make an image speak. [Revelation 13:14-15](#) “¹⁴ And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. ¹⁵ And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”

As a sign of allegiance and obedience, the world’s population will be required to take a mark in their right hand or forehead. The Antichrist will take control of all business transactions, (i.e., banking, grocery, shopping, buying gas for your car, etc....) [Revelation 13:16-17](#) “¹⁶ And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: ¹⁷ and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” If you refuse you will be hunted and put to death by beheading without due process of law. [Revelation 20:4](#) “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.” !!WARNING!! The Bible also clearly and firmly says anyone who accepts that mark on the hand or forehead cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. [Revelation 14:9-11 \(NKJV\)](#) “⁹ Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the Beast and his image and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is

poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the Beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

The systems necessary for the Antichrist to control the world’s economies and implement a system by a “mark” will not mysteriously appear overnight. They are here. With the implementation of the Euro and Bitcoin, a one world currency is being shaped. The new “chip” Visa and MasterCard credit cards and the development of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) devices, that are the size of a grain of rice, which can be placed subcutaneously into the skin of the forehead or right hand. The point of sale (POS) processing systems are in place today and are being used. The world is spiraling to becoming a cashless society. Some retailers and banks assess a fee for taking cash or checks. There has also been developed a “tech tattoo.” This is something like a UPC bar code that can hold medical or financial data that is actually tattooed on one’s skin. All of these technologies are dependent on internet connectivity with each other. As an item of note, in March 2014 control of the Internet was quietly transferred from the US to the UN. This could be significant in the future when tracking a person will be a priority. The individual privacy rights we enjoy today will be erased. Every card swipe, Google search or internet login leaves a digital footprint. If you are alive at this time and not taken the mark, you can and will be hunted down. The authorities use computer algorithms to forecast or predict your behavior and habits, making it just that much easier to find you. Lastly, according to Wikipedia, there are at least 15 countries, including England and the US, that have and utilize License Plate Reading technology. High Definition (HD) cameras are set up at key intersections to scan and record cars’ license plates, usually without the knowledge of the driver, and flag cars at the discretion of law enforcement. Whether it is programmed for stolen cars, Amber Alert, or tolls all the systems can sort through a mountain of information almost instantaneously. Lastly, with the advancement and development of Facial Recognition Software, that is comparing your captured picture to a picture in a database file like your DMV or passport photos, it is used when searching for faces in high volume travel sites, such as airports, train hubs, or bus terminals. The FBI already uses this highly sophisticated technology to search for fugitives or criminals.

- The Second Horse, the Red Horse of War. [Revelation 6:4](#) “And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.” We have already discussed that the [Ezekiel 38and39](#) war is most unlikely to happen here. However, what is more likely is a nuclear war. [Zechariah 14:12 \(NKJV\)](#) “And this shall be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, and their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.” This verse is a description of a nuclear blast. There are only a handful of countries that have nuclear intercontinental ballistic missiles and police each other by a principle called the Balance of Power which is supposed to keep each other in check. Five countries that have signed a Nonproliferation Treaty which are the USA, Russia, China, Great Britain, and France. There are an additional four countries and a fifth one looming that have nuclear warhead capabilities but have not signed any such agreement, Israel, Pakistan, India, North Korea, and Iran, who, with the signed “Nuclear Deal” of 2015, is on a path to acquire and develop them, if they do not already secretly have them. As we have already previously pointed out, with the armies and populations of the western powers decimated, who will there be to stop the rogue nations from launching the first strike? There are two

phenomena associated with nuclear detonation, based on witnessing the results of the two atomic bombs dropped on Japan at the end of WW II, the first is an Electro Magnetic Pulse (EMP) and the second is called nuclear winter. An EMP has an effective range of 25 miles from detonation. It fries every electric circuit in that area leaving survivors with no phones, computers, transportation, electricity to run refrigeration, lights, or anything else that needs electricity to run. It'll be like stepping back into the 19th century. Nuclear winter effects destruction is complete within 1 mile with gradually decreasing damage as you move further from the center for about 3.5 miles. In addition, it contaminates the ground with so much radiation nothing will grow for years. Imagine hundreds of thousands of acres of prime farmland becoming useless for decades, not to mention the health crisis that would result from radiation poisoning. If the bombs would explode over populated cities, there would be total destruction that would affect everything, infrastructure, utilities (water, electricity, and gas), housing, and hospitals. Today's bombs are hundred times more powerful, and with multiple missiles launched you can only imagine the devastation. If you have followed the news, you will realize that the US has a clear and present danger of this from North Korea with their "testings." Just ask the people of Guam and Hawaii if we should be alert. This scenario leads into the next horse.

- The Third Horse, the Black Horse of Famine. [Revelation 6:5-6](#) ⁵ "And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. ⁶ And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine." The point here is that daily needs, such as a loaf of bread will cost a full day's wage. The rich will also be impacted, but not nearly as much. In short, with the middle class evaporating, as the saying goes, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer is prophetic.
- The Fourth Horse, the Pale Horse of Death. [Revelation 6:8](#) "And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth." According to Strong's #G5515, the original Greek word used for "pale" is "chloros," a more accurate translation is "green." It's where we get our word for "chlorophyll." The text seems to indicate that daily living will be unbelievably hard. With fruit and vegetables greatly inaccessible, and livestock unavailable, people will literally be starving to death, which could be the beginning of an environmental nightmare. This will also undoubtedly lead to riots adding to the death toll.

Before we move on, a current topic needs to be addressed that is controversial. The following text states there will be indescribable ecological cosmic destruction the world has never seen before. [Revelation 6:12-14](#) ¹² "And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; ¹³ And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. ¹⁴ And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places." When we looked at the Olivet Discourse, we looked at the correlation of [Mathew 24:7-8](#) and [Revelation 6:5-8](#) and the birth pangs (increasing in frequency and intensity) of earthquakes as they will go into overdrive during the Tribulation. "Earthquakes" and "mountain and islands moving" could happen hand in hand. The Fukushima Daiichi atomic accident as a result of a tsunami generated by an underwater earthquake off the coast of Japan in 2015 is a

prime example of what is likely to come. We touched upon these earlier too, but the Cascadia Fault Zones, the San Andreas Fault Zone, and the Yellowstone Caldera are all interconnected to the Ring of Fire. The Ring of Fire is the Pacific Tectonic plate that extends over the coasts of the countries that touch the Pacific Ocean. According to today's leading geologists, the three mentioned US areas are all overdue for an eruption. When they do erupt, islands like Hawaii, the South China Sea Islands, the Caribbean Islands, and possibly Puerto Rico and Cuba, could all be obliterated and sink into the sea. The western edge of the United States may also sink into the ocean and a new coast will emerge as coastal cities are laid waste.